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### **Lt. Governor Awards Grant to Wilson Senior Care for Alzheimer's Services**

(COLUMBIA) – Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has awarded Wilson Senior Care a grant of \$5,000 for training and educational services to caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease, newly diagnosed patients, healthcare workers and the general public in Darlington County. While educational seminars and support group meetings are being held, persons with memory loss will be able to participate in aerobic exercise classes and socialize with the staff of the YMCA.

"President Reagan's long journey with Alzheimer's disease has increased awareness of this debilitating disease which affects approximately 45,000 South Carolinians," said Bauer in making the announcement. "It is important that South Carolinians have access to programs and services to cope with it. Caring for a family member with this disease can put a lot of stress on the caregiver."

Funds from the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center in the Lieutenant Governor's Office will be used to develop a Lunch and Learn program sponsored by Wilson Senior Care and the YMCA. The programs are planned for Wednesday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. A series of 12 topics will be presented by guest speakers.

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center was created by act of the State Legislature in 1994 and was signed into law by Governor Campbell. The Center provides grants to local communities for the development of respite services and educational programs for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The state Office on Aging, which houses the Center, transfers officially to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor effective July 1. Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer says "I look forward to serving the seniors of South Carolina and advocating for seniors and their caregivers."

For more information about this community education program, call Jonella Davis at 843-393-9925.

